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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TURKISH POPPY BAN

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. SUBJECT TO YOUR VIEWS OR COMMENTS YOU ARE ASKED TO
DELIVER THE FOLLOWING NOTE VERBALE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. QUOTE: I HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ADVISE YOU THAT MY
EXCHANGES WITH YOU AND PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT HAVE BEEN
REVIEWED AT SENIOR LEVELS OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.
MY GOVERNMENT FEELS SERIOUS CONCERN AT THE POSSIBILITY
THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY MAY ALLOW THE RESUMPTION OF
THE PRODUCTION OF OPIUM. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO EMPHASIZE
THAT MY PRESENTATION TO YOU CLEARLY REFLECTED MY GOVERN-
MENT'S VIEWS. I HAVE BEEN FURTHER ASKED TO REQUEST THAT
WE STAY IN CLOSEST TOUCH AND THAT FULL WEIGHT BE GIVEN
TO THE ADVERSE REACTION IN THE UNITED STATES TO WHAT WOULD
BE REGARDED AS A RETROGRADE STEP.

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IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTIES WHICH WOULD FLOW FROM A

DECISION TO REVERSE THE POLICY ON OPIUM PRODUCTION IN
TURKEY, MY GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THAT WE HAVE FURTHER
DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT BEFORE ANY ACTION IS TAKEN.
END QUOTE. CASEY

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